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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Distance learning is changing the face of education for some students. It is allowing high school students to enroll early in college classes. Working students can fit classes and studies around their schedules. All students can work from locations that are convenient to them rather than a formal campus.

The one thing that students taking distance-learning classes need is a high-speed Internet connection. We are committed to supporting policies that will extend broadband networks, so we support AT&T's endeavor to merge with T-Mobile. The result will be that 97 percent of Americans will have access to the company's next generation of wireless broadband services.

West Georgia Technical College offers over fifty online courses from many different programs of study. Students do not need to be online at any specific time, and they can communicate with their instructors and even take their exams online.

We could reach many more students with online courses if they all had access to broadband services. We know that a significant number of students do not fit the traditional image of a college student who goes straight from high school to attend college full time. Many of our students need to schedule classes around their current jobs. Some have childcare and eldercare responsibilities.

Education is the key for many people to finding good jobs and supporting their families. We believe that public policies should make it easier for Americans to achieve their educational dreams. Making Internet service more accessible is one step on this journey, and we hope that you will support this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Skip Sullivan'.

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